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Mayor William R. Wild and his Westland Wild Wings will take on the Detroit Red Wing Alumni in the 7th Annual Hockey Night in Westland charity event.

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Wayne to ask for 14-mill safety tax

Voters in the City of Wayne will be asked to approve a 14-mill property tax on the August primary ballot.

The question on the tax will include asking voters to allow the city to join a public safety authority, which would include Hazel Park and East Pointe, part of the South Oakland Regional Services Authority, which would act as a funding method. The tax funds collected are sent back to the communities by the authority to fund public safety operations. If approved by voters on the August primary ballot, the tax would appear on the winter tax bills of residents.

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Currently, the City of Wayne still faces a $2 to $2.5 million deficit budget for the current operating year. Auditors have cautioned officials that the city will be out of money by mid-2017 at the current level of spending.

If voters approve the 14 mills and the participation in the taxing authority, state law requires that each of the member communities levy the same tax millage. Wayne officials claim that the 14 mills is more than is needed, despite the current deficit, and have proposed reducing the millage levied for general fund operations to offset the difference.

Not all the members of the new Financial Task Force agree with the proposal. Member Jill Lezotte-Kates said that this plan is "the best way to avoid an emergency financial manager" and said the majority of the committee members favored this plan. Bob Boertje, another task force member, said that he did not support the measure but felt that it should be voted on by residents. He suggested he would rather see the issue on the November ballot when more voters usually go to the polls.

Placing the question of joining the authority and increasing the millage for public safety on the ballot was approved by a unanimous vote of the members of the city council.

Lost and found

Retirement badge returned to officer after 26 years

Andy Spisak wrote the very first police report issued by the fledgling Westland Police Department nearly half a century ago.

Spisak was also the detective who helped solve the first murder case assigned to the Westland department and has continued his career with the city to this day, now working as a court officer. But for the past 26 years or so, Spisak, now 81, has worked without the official police retirement badge he was issued back on Oct. 24, 1966.

Until last Friday that is when Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc, a former police officer and inveterate collector of police memorabilia, presented Spisak's lost badge to him before a crowd of city officials, friends and family members.

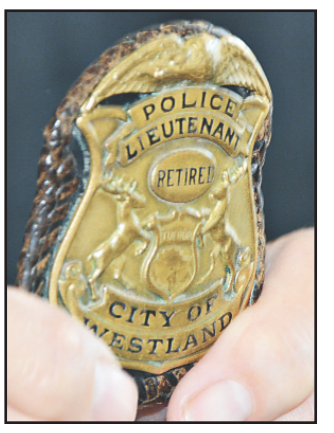
The lost badge, which was originally presented to Spisak on his retirement from the force, was engraved with his name and rank and date of his retirement. It has apparently been as active as the guy who owned it, ending up in the hands of a California collector who obtained it from another collector in Arizona.

Called a presentation badge, it is a duplicate of the officer's original badge awarded as part of the retirement ceremony. LeBlanc, always on the lookout for additions to the large collection he displays on his office wall in Westland City Hall, was notified about a month ago that there was a Westland badge available by fellow collector Thomas Herring, a Livonia photographer who works in Westland.

"Collectors know each other and Tom knew I would be interested in a Westland badge," LeBlanc explained. "I called the guy in California, and when he read me the name and date on the back of the badge, I said, 'Hey, I know that guy.'"

"The guy was a little more than skeptical," LeBlanc said, "and started out asking $300."

Andy Spisak, holding badge, was taken by surprise when Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc, far right, located his long lost retirement badge. Spisak's wife, Lee, and his family were on hand for the surprise return last Friday.



Richard LeBlanc, left, returns Andy Spisak's badge, above, missing for 26 years during the surprise presentation last week witnessed by friends, family and city officials.

Photos by Sean Rhaesa

Negotiations ensued and LeBlanc received photos of the badge and saw Spisak's name. "When I saw Andy I asked him about his badge and he told me he lost it. I mentioned that the California collector had one from Westland that might be his.

"We took a photo with me and Andy and his retired officer's identification that I sent to the guy in California proving that it was Andy's badge. He didn't get back to me for awhile. Then about a week or so ago, he responded, asked for my address and shipped the badge at no cost," LeBlanc said.

"We still don't know how it ended up in California."

LeBlanc then began making phone calls to Spisak's wife, Lee, who knew how much the badge meant. The family chose the date and time for the surprise presentation, and LeBlanc crowded judges, former mayors, police officers and city officials with whom Spisak has worked during the past 50 years into his office, awaiting Spisak's arrival last Friday.

Spisak said that he was "nearly speechless" with surprise when he saw the badge, which LeBlanc had mounted in the center of his wall display, waiting for Spisak to take notice.

When he did, he was noticeably

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Township renews golf management contract

The game is the same but the rules have changed for management at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth Township.

Last week, members of the board of trustees agreed to a new, three-year management contract with Billy Casper Golf, the organization that has managed the facility for the past five years. The new contract will not provide a flat management fee to Billy Casper Golf, but will pay the management company a percentage of gross revenue at the golf course. Billy Casper was paid a fee of about $87,000 for 2015, when gross revenue at the 18-hole course was $600,000, a break even with costs, according to figures from the township. The course operated at a loss for the past four years with a deficit of $408,000 in 2013, according to a township audit.

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During previous contract discussions, representatives of Billy Casper said that the operating deficit was due to falling revenue during the recession, but is now regaining ground.

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said that revenue has increased significantly and that golf is "coming back."

Rather than the flat management fee, Billy Casper will now receive 11 percent of the annual gross revenue up to $600,000, 13 percent if gross revenue at the golf course is between $600,001 and $700,000, 14 percent if gross revenue is between $700,001 and $800,000 and 15 percent if gross revenue exceeds $800,001 or more

The company will receive a bonus of $5,000 if food and beverage sales total a minimum of $225,000 annually.

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, who cast the lone no vote on the contract, suggested a 1-year contract but found no support for his suggestion. The contract was approved 5-1, as Trustee Chuck Curmi was not present at the time of the vote.

Canton

State of Township: Safe, sound, vibrant

He's been through the good times and some bad ones during his 27 years in government, and he is leaving his home town of Canton Township in some of the best of times.

Retiring Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy presented his final State of the Township address to a packed crowd at the Village Theater last week, praising the officials he has worked with for their cooperation in bringing Canton out of the national recession into prosperity.

LaJoy said it took a team effort in every department to maintain township services in the wake of the recession which brought home foreclosures and the subsequent losses in tax revenue to the community when he first became supervisor in 2009. He credited employee concessions, spending cuts and voter approval of two tax increases to fund public safety for helping Canton "not just survive, but thrive."

For his final message, LaJoy opted for a pre-recorded address, shown on a large screen, as he said he felt the emotions that surround his decision to retire would have impacted his message. The speech was delivered as part of the Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon with more than 170 in attendance. LaJoy served for 13 years as a Canton Township trustee, for six years in Lansing as a state representative and eight years as supervisor of the township.

He told the crowd that he was happy to report that the state of the township was "excellent" and that Canton "remains the safe, vibrant community we all know and love."

LaJoy said Canton has decreased the unfunded legacy costs in the township by $17 million by increasing employee cost sharing in health care and moving to a self-insurance program.

He noted that refinanced debt will save the township about $200,000 during the next five years. He mentioned the road projects in the township and said that Lotz Road will be paved between Ford and Cherry Hill this year.

He told the audience that more than 1,300 new homes will be started in Canton during the next two years and that commercial and retail growth continues with several new businesses including a Fresh Thyme Market, Chipotle, T.J. Maxx, Tom+Chee and Panda Express, along with the Busch's Market expected to open this fall.

LaJoy said that homes are now safer in Canton with the new rental ordinance which has already been used on 900 single-family homes and 800 apartments.

He added that the crime rate in the township fell 17 percent from 2014-2015 for felonies and said the public safety department is now focused on a new closer relationship with the community the officers serve.

The Summit on the Park makeover and the development of Patriot Park will benefit the community, he said, while the arts continue to flourish in the township. He said the plans for the new artist studios and an art program for veterans is under way at the former Ford factory site in Cherry Hill Village under the auspices of the partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

His remarks were met with loud applause and appreciation from the crowd including township officials and his family.

LaJoy, obviously moved, said previously that his retirement plans include more family time with his wife and four grandchildren.

Camp time

Registration for 2016 Canton Leisure Services summer camp programs will begin in person and online from 10 a.m. until noon this Saturday, March 12, during the annual Camp Fair, which will take place in the Grand Ballroom at the Summit on the Park Grand Ballroom,46000 Summit Parkway. In addition to registration and information, refreshments and children's activities will be free for all who attend. The Camp Fair represents the opening of Canton summer camp registration and also kicks off the in-person registration for Canton Leisure Services Spring and Summer classes and programs which include day camps, preschool camps, sport camps, special needs programs, art camps, science and education camps and many more. To schedule an appointment with a Summer Camp Concierge during the event, call (734) 394-5474. For more information on the summer camp offerings like the Canton Activity Crew sidewalk chalk art, at right, and other recreation and education programs, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan 48188. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Division of Public Works at 734/394-5150 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

THANK YOU
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2016 for the following:

Geotechnical Consulting Services

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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Signage Design, Repair and Installation

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ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2016 for the following:

Office Furniture Design, Repair and Installation

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings –March 1, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: McLaughlin, Yack Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Mutchler, Director Faas, Director Trumbull, Fire Chief Meier, Deputy Chief Hilden, Deputy Chief Newsome, Deputy Chief Stoecklein, Amy Hughesdon **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to amend the agenda to add General Calendar Item G-1: Consider Approval of the Selectron Integrated Voice System Purchase Order. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-1: Consider Approval of the Selectron Integrated Voice System Purchase Order. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the purchase order for the remaining balance of $40,050 for the Selectron Integrated Response System to be paid from account #101- 372.970_0010. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the following budget amendment: Increase expenditures: 101-372.970_0010 Capital Outlay Computers $40,050 Increase revenue: 101-000.695 Fund Balance Appropriation $40,050 Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to move from regular meeting to Study Session at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION TOPICS: TOPIC #1: Legacy Cost Update. (FBD)** The Board was presented a PowerPoint update by Director Wendy Trumbull. Legacy Cost Update Review the results of the 12/31/2014 Actuarial Valuation for our Other Post-Employment Benefits ("OPEB") Update on MERS (Pension) Assumptions OPEB Actuarial Results 12/31/2014 • Benefits Offered: • Employees who retired prior to 1/1/2013 are covered at 100% for their medical insurance. • NOW: Lowest Cost Medical Plan is covered 100% by Canton Township • Implementation varied depending on union group, earliest was 1/1/2013. • Dental coverage • Retiree cost equals the cost paid on their last day of employment. Changes to this years Actuarial Valuation: Implemented self-funded medical plans Migration of some of the retirees to the self-funded plans Cost sharing of future retirees in the public safety groups Additional assumption change: **People are living longer** Township Initiated changes resulted in a $16.6 million reduction in our Actuarial Accrued Liability **UPDATE ON MERS (PENSION) ASSUMPTIONS** MERS reviewed its actuarial assumptions and updated them with following goals in mind: To ensure that municipalities have enough assets in their plans to fund the benefits promised to its employees To have each generation incur the cost of the benefits for the employees providing the service at the time it is being incurred, rather than passing along the cost to future generations Mortality Rates Table - People are living longer Investment Rate of Return – Decreasing from 8% to 7.75% Amortization Policy – Gradually reducing amortization period of the unfunded liability What does this mean? – Our liability is increasing How are we funding this? – MERS has factored these changes into our Annual Required Contribution and we are funding accordingly. **UPDATE ON MERS (PENSION)** What have we done? Defined Benefit Plan closed to new hires Bridged down the Pension multiplier Increased employee cost-sharing Employee purchase of Service Credit MERS allows Employees to purchase service credit, however it is a Township Board decision. Intention is for employees to cover 100% of the cost for the purchase of years of service. Cost is based on assumptions used by MERS If assumptions are not accurate, then the cost is not accurate Many communities are no longer allowing employees to purchase service credit. Currently there are several requests from employees to purchase service credit. Recommendation: Continue to allow purchase of service credit for 90 days. After 90 days, no longer allow to protect the Township from future liability swings. A complete copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours. **TOPIC #2: 2016 Goals. (Supv)** Supervisor LaJoy, along with Clerk Bennett and the Department Directors, presented the Township goals for 2016 to the Board. Strengthen Operational Efficiency Have all departments accredited (ALL) Complete a five-year strategic plan for MSD (MSD) Conduct a joint session with the Township Board and Planning Commission on future development objectives (MSD) Develop a plan to create iCanton – an integrated permit/utility/property record system (MSD/FBD) Finalize and adopt Master Plan (CLS) Develop and adopt Strategic Plan (CLS) Utilize technology to improve efficiencies (CIT, HVAC Controls, ACTIVE, Golf Now) (CLS) Expand usage of tools for energy management plan (CLS) Begin to review the structure of IT Township-wide (FBD) Review and implement a password policy to ensure the security of our systems (FBD) Review all Finance Policies, identify which ones need updating and prioritize to begin the update process (FBD) Increase daily on-shift staffing with intended result of meeting community needs and reduction in mutual aid requests (PSD/Fire) Complete the Community Risk Assessment for accreditation (PSD/Fire) Apply for accreditation (PSD/Fire) Complete Fire Station #2 flood plain assessment and then consult with committee for direction (PSD/Fire) Complete set-up of Blue Card Incident Command Simulation Lab and then certify entire command staff (PSD/Fire) Improve training room technologies (PSD/Fire) Complete design and specifications for department engines and heavy rescue (PSD/Fire) Complete Phase 2 for priority dispatch plan (PSD/Fire) Complete implementation of ALS engines (PSD/Fire) Implementation of pre-fire survey program and completion of high risk occupancies by year end (PSD/Fire) Develop and implement quality assurance program for Emergency Medical Dispatch program (PSD/Fire) Develop a comprehensive community survey program in accordance with accreditation standards (PSD/Fire) Part One crime reduction by 8% township-wide (PSD/Police) Reduce overdose deaths and theft related crimes directly tied to dependency through a creative partnership with Growth Works (PSD/Police) Reduce organized retail crimes through proactive efforts in partnership with retail stores (PSD/Police) Build out domestic violence program to reduce number of domestic-related crimes via domestic violence programs through partnership with First Step (PSD/Police) Fully implement the new Crime Suppression Unit (PSD/Police) Audit the existing training systems and methodologies regarding alignment with departmental purpose, mission and goals (PSD/Police) Complete Phase Two of Ordinance Codification Project (Clerk/ALL) Develop an Election Inspector Training Video which is supported by the current written training materials (Clerk) Review all HR policies/develop action plan/timeline for updating all policies (HR/Supervisor) Maintain Fiscal Stability Update sewer and water capital equity charges (MSD/FBD) Develop a tree management plan for trees in the ROW and on Township-owned properties (MSD & CLS) Initiate the five year update to the Water Master Plan (MSD) Update business plans and identify new competitors (CLS) Monitor part-time wages vs. projections monthly (CLS) Explore performance contracts – similar to energy management savings (CLS) Solicit and secure grants (CLS) Meet quarterly with the directors and key managers to go over Township financial information (FBD) Continue to watch for opportunities to refinance our existing debt obligations and reduce legacy costs (FBD) Develop the Workforce Cross train staff in clerical positions whenever applicable (ALL) Promote and encourage professional certifications (ALL) Improve internal communications/actively solicit employee feedback (ALL) Enhance safety awareness (training videos, safety meetings) (CLS) Develop the new Crime Analyst employee (PSD/Police) Fill vacant fourth officer in the Special Enforcement Unit (PSD/Police) Focus on measurable outcomes regarding employee engagement in organizational mission, vision, values, goals and purpose (PSD/Police) Encourage new and unique ways to build trust and legitimacy; ensure community has ownership and pride in its Public Safety Department (PSD/Police) Establish a committee to review, analyze and recommend an effective performance management system (PSD/Police) Deliver Situational Leadership Training (HR/Supervisor) Provide High Quality Services Complete Year 2 of the Residential Rental Inspection Program (MSD) Start-up the fiber Wide Area Network (WAN) Project in partnership with the PCCS District (MSD/FBD) Implement Selectron for inspection scheduling in the Building & Inspection Services Division (MSD/FBD) Reissue all commercial and industrial certificates of occupancy using new format (MSD) Enhance environmental awareness and services (CLS) Recycle program at CSC Add more natural burn areas Age and demographic appropriate programming (emphasis on 55+ population) (CLS) Develop a plan to maintain and improve Canton facilities (CLS) Finalize the CDBG 5-year Consolidated Plan, including receiving more community input than in previous years (FBD) Promote the Community Host events to promote Canton to realtors and brokers (ALL) Continue to develop equitable community partnerships (CLS) Highlight milestones as community benefit (CLS) 25th Liberty Fest 20th Summit Anniversary Educate & Inform Residents Actively promote website services available (public portal and citizen service requests) (MSD) Utilize new MSD YouTube channel to produce and air videos for residents (MSD) Hold fair housing seminars for our residents to help educate them on discrimination (FBD) Effective use of technology (ALL) Develop a new brochure/handout for new residents (ALL) **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. _____ **Terry G. Bennett, Clerk**

Copies of the PowerPoint as well as the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. EC031016-1288 2.5 x 10.095

BELLEVILLE - INKSTER - ROMULUS

Celebration

City marks Black History Month with appreciation breakfast, bus history tour

Black History Month was officially celebrated with multiple events throughout the City of Romulus in February including an Appreciation Breakfast and a Black History bus tour of the area.

Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff and the members of the city council issued an official resolution and proclamation marking the celebration for the second consecutive year.

The Appreciation Breakfast took place Feb. 22 at the Romulus Athletic Center with a record turnout of more than 110 people. The gathering also featured a special tribute video with interviews from some of the oldest black residents in the community and performances from Romulus High School students. Distinguished Community Service awards were presented during the breakfast to Emery Long, a lifelong Romulus resident, Rotarian and volunteer; the Rev. Rita Talley who is the associate pastor at First Baptist Church and who has been a Romulus School District employee for more than 30 years, and Willie B. Watson, a former City of Romulus employee and involved resident. Also honored was St. John's Lodge No. 44 of the Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation where members have been active in the community since 1948 and have demonstrated a long history of service.

A record crowd of 40 or so participated in the Romulus Black History Bus Tour, more than double the number of guests last year. The bus made five stops at locations around the city that were significant to the history of the community and black culture. Participants on the tour learned about two African-American veterans from Romulus, one from the Vietnam era for whom a local park is named and another who fought in the Civil War and is now buried in Romulus. The creation of the Romulus Progressive Association and the Thomas J. Coleman Community Center were also topics on the tour which ended with two stops that were a part of the Underground Railroad in the 1800s: Romulus Wesleyan Church lead by Pastor Bob Harper and the Kingsley House at the Romulus Historical Museum, where Museum Director Pearl Varner led the tours.

For more information about the Romulus role in the Underground Railroad, visit the Romulus Historical Museum, 11147 Hunt St. in Romulus, open from 1-4 p.m. Sundays or call (734) 942-2340.

Romulus Historical Museum Director Pearl Varner, below in costume, explains the role of the Kingsley House in the Underground Railroad during the bus tour of historic sites during Black History Month.

Council to schedule public meetings about road repair costs

Belleville City Council members have agreed to schedule both an informational and town hall meeting regarding the cost of street repairs in the city.

Officials learned last month that the cost to repair all city streets would exceed $10 million which would require a levy of 13.07 mills on residents for 10 years. An alternate plan would be to levy 9.24 mills for a 15-year term.

That would cost taxpayers an average of $704 annually for 10 years or $498 annually for 15 years, according to a Road Bond Analysis presented to council members during their regular meeting Feb. 16.

"It's not pretty," noted City Manager Diana Kollmeyer.

Keith Tackett, director of the city Department of Public Works said that there is also a 15 percent increase in paving costs expected this year, which could impact the costs. He said that the street study was performed throughout the city and the repairs listed by street according to the severity of the repairs needed.

After some discussion, including comments from the audience, council members suggested establishing an informational meeting at the high school to accommodate expected crowds and then a public hearing on any action they may take regarding the tax levy.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the officials.

Mayor's Ball is this Saturday

The Mayors' Ball, hosted by Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff and Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, is planned for 5 p.m. until midnight, Saturday March 12 at the Romulus Sheraton Hotel, 8000 Merriman Road in Romulus.

Tickets are $100 per person and the donation to the Boys and Girls Clubs in the communities will include dinner, an open bar, dancing and entertainment along with live and silent auctions.

Advance ticket purchase is required. Tickets and information are available from Rob McLachlan, (734) 578-5682 or rwmclachlan@gmail.com.

Sponsorships at various financial levels are still being sought for the event.

All proceeds will be used to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs, a registered 501© 3 organization.

Legislators set monthly meeting

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson, State Rep. Julie Plawecki, and State Sen. David Knezek will be hosting their normally-scheduled monthly coffee hour in Inkster from noon until 1 p.m. Monday, March 14. The meeting will take place at the Leanna Hicks Public Library, located at 2005 Inkster Road.

Residents are encouraged to attend and discuss issues of importance to them.

Citizens who have questions or concerns in the meantime are encouraged to contact any of the elected officials by mail, telephone, or email:

Sen. David Knezek
Mail: P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909
Phone: (855) 347-8005
Email: sendknezek@senate.michigan.gov

State Rep. Julie Plawecki
Mail: P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909
Phone: (517) 373-0849
Email: julieplawecki@house.mi.gov.

Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson
Mail: 500 Griswold St., 7th Floor,
Detroit, MI 48226
Phone: (313) 224-8855
Email: District12@waynecounty.com

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP# 15/16-24 Group Medical and Prescription Insurance Plan
RFP# 15/16-25 Group Vision Insurance Plan
RFP 15/16-26 Group Dental Insurance Plan

(1) The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking proposals from qualified vendors for the above item/items.
(2) Specifications may be obtained from the MITN system @ www.mitn.info.
(3) Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 29, 2016. At approximately 2:15, local time all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.

RESPONSE ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE RFP NUMBER AND NAME AND BE ADDRESSED:

RFP #___
CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan 48174

(4) The City reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.
(5) For additional information contact:
Jenelle DesMarais, Senior Plan Analyst
jdesmarais@mma-mi.com
(248) 822-6239
With copy to:
Diane Dignan, Account Director
ddignan@mma-mi.com
(248) 822-6241

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PUBLIC NOTICE

To all residents and other interested parties: Agendas and Minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees Meetings are available for review online at www.plymouthtwp.org under Agendas/Minutes and in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI.

Regular Meeting dates in 2016: March 15, April 12, April 26, May 17, June 14, July 19, August 9, September 13, September 27, October 11, October 25, November 15 and December 13.
Special meetings, if any, will occur on Tuesdays, unless otherwise posted. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

Nancy Conzelman
Township Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS
NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS

In accordance with P.A. 359 of 1941, as amended and Chapter 34, Article 3, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances it shall be the duty of all owners of lands on which noxious weeds are found growing, to destroy the same before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from becoming a detriment to public health.

If any such owner, agent or occupant of such land shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds or cause them to be destroyed, it shall be the duty of the Noxious Weed Commissioner to enter upon such land and destroy such noxious weeds.

Nothing in this notice shall apply to weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.

All weeds not cut by May 1, 2016 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property will be charged with the cost. Subsequent violations will result in additional cuttings and will be done as often as necessary when vegetation reaches eight (8) inches in height and/or seed bearing stage.

Any expense incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner or owners of such land and the city shall have a lien against such land for such expense. Any owner who shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds shall also be subject to a fine of not more than $100.00 per cutting in the discretion of the court.

All refuse and debris on the given owners property will be removed by the City at the owners' expense.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
2016 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Please come prepared, as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

March 14, 2016:	9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
March 15, 2016:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
March 16, 2016:	9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Residents and Non-Residents may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board **OR** (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals/documentation no later than March 16, 2016 at 12:00 pm.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. According to Ordinance, all Representatives or Agents MUST submit an original, notarized, current proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment to appeal to the March Board of Review, please call the City of Romulus Department of Assessment at 734. 942.7520.

For the purpose of addressing clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact, poverty exemptions, veteran's exemptions, and principal residence exemptions, the Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on:

July 19, 2016:	9:30 am
December 13, 2016:	9:30 am

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

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PLYMOUTH - WAYNE - WESTLAND

Volunteers sought to maintain Wayne Parks

The City of Wayne may no longer have a Parks and Recreation Department, but the 19 parks in the city still need attention if they are to remain open and usable for residents.

Len Fisher has a solution to the problem: Stop complaining and get involved.

Fisher suggested to members of the Wayne City Council and City Manager Lisa Nocerini that volunteer individuals and groups could take on maintenance and repairs in the city parks.

"We citizens need to roll up our sleeves and be part of the solution," Fisher told the city officials. "The job is immense but not overwhelming."

Fisher suggested a commission that would simply coordinate the efforts of local residents who would work, as needed, in the parks. While the city does still mow the grass in the parks, there is other maintenance and cleaning that needs done.

Some civic groups such as the Westland Area Jaycees are eager to participate and adopt a park to provide the labor necessary to improve the conditions, Fisher said.

In addition, DTE Energy had contacted the city to inquire about adopting a park and the city was going to contact the Jaycees and Rotary Club which both have parks in the city named for their groups. Fisher said that First Congregational Church members have already taken a shift at the Veterans' Memorial in the city and the Wayne Westland Fire Department has taken on the work at Goudy Park.

Fisher said that the inclement weather was preventing any work from being done immediately but that he had requested a list of needed tasks and repairs at various parks from the city Department of Public Works.

Councilman Tom Porter was in favor of fisher's suggestion and noted that he had been part of a previous parks volunteer group. He said that he took care of Forest park and that resident Alfred Brock worked in another.

"Speaking for myself, I was happy to do it," Porter said.

Councilman Tony Miller was also in favor of Fisher's suggestion. "People want to be involved," he said.

To volunteer, contact Fisher at (734) 751-7051.

Library celebrates 'Digital Day'

The Plymouth District Library joined thousands of educators, librarians and digital learning advocates around the country on Digital Learning Day last month.

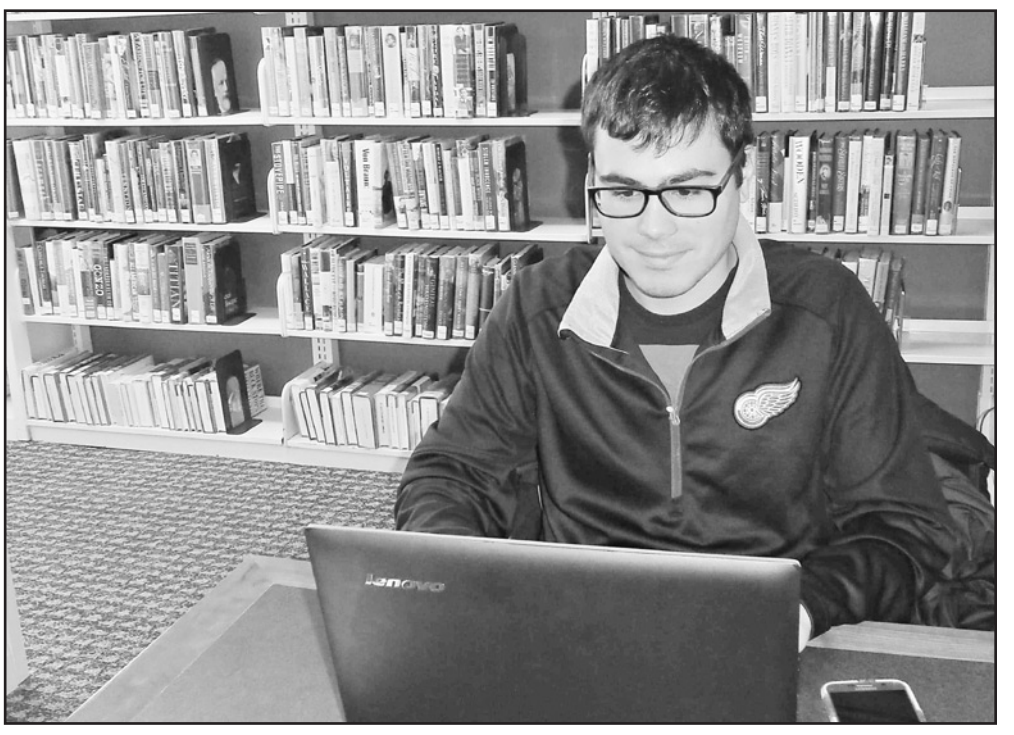
The day was designed to highlight the use and availability of electronic tools to enhance the public school learning experience in grades K-12. Since it began with a grassroots effort in 2012, it has grown to a nationwide salute to the process of digital learning, promoting access to innovation and technological advances. Digital Learning Day also works to bring superior digital learning opportunities to all, regardless of location or economic factors. For more information on Digital Learning Day, visit http://www.digitallearningday.org

The Plymouth District Library offers a wide variety of digital learning services and electronic access for all ages. Individuals can get free personalized attention to increase their computer skills, from 10-11:30 a.m. every other Saturday upstairs in the library computer lab. Tutors provide assistance for digital users with all types of computer needs and questions. These can include an introduction to devices such as tablets, laptops and smartphones, mastering computer tasks such as creating an e-mail address, attaching photos to send online, learning how to download eBooks and more. For the upcoming tutoring schedule, users should check the events calendar on the library home page.

The Plymouth District Library subscribes to a number of online training sites, including: TechBoomers, a free educational site designed for Internet users that offers 65 short courses on topics like social networking and online marketplaces to information directories and even resources for Internet safety and privacy. Step-by-step instruction are available for using Facebook, You Tube, Netflix, Priceline or eBay. Most tutorials are one or two pages in length - easy to print and keep for reference.

Gale Courses are available free for Plymouth Library cardholders and designed for those interested in more in-depth classes. More than 325 different courses are offered on topics ranging from digital photography, investing, college preparedness, personal development, or just brushing up on computer skills. These classes are available 24/7, 365 days a year. Courses take two hours a week, run for six weeks and new sessions begin monthly. Library staff members encourage individuals to browse these online class offerings by going to the homepage - http://plymouthlibrary.org, mouse over Research on the black menu bar at the top page and select TechBoomers Tutorials or Gale Courses from the pulldown menu.

The library youth department offers many resources to assist in digital learning. Users should visit the library home-page - http://plymouthlibrary.org, and click on the Youth tab. Some of those digital resources include:



Plymouth resident Brandon Morris studies for an upcoming certification examination at the library.

Beanstack

This new online product provides tailored reading suggestions, learning tips, tools to log reading sessions and special badges tied to each child's goals at the library.

TumbleBooks Library

This site provides eBooks for kids with hundreds of animated talking picture books help children discover the color, joy and excitement of reading.

Infobits

Designed for children in kindergarten through fifth grade, this site features articles from 100 popular children's magazines and much more.

Culture Gram Kids Edition

Users will experience the cultures of 182 countries and territories and all 50 U. S. States.

The library is located at 223 Main St. in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0750.

Wild time

Annual Red Wings vs. city charity hockey game tickets now on sale

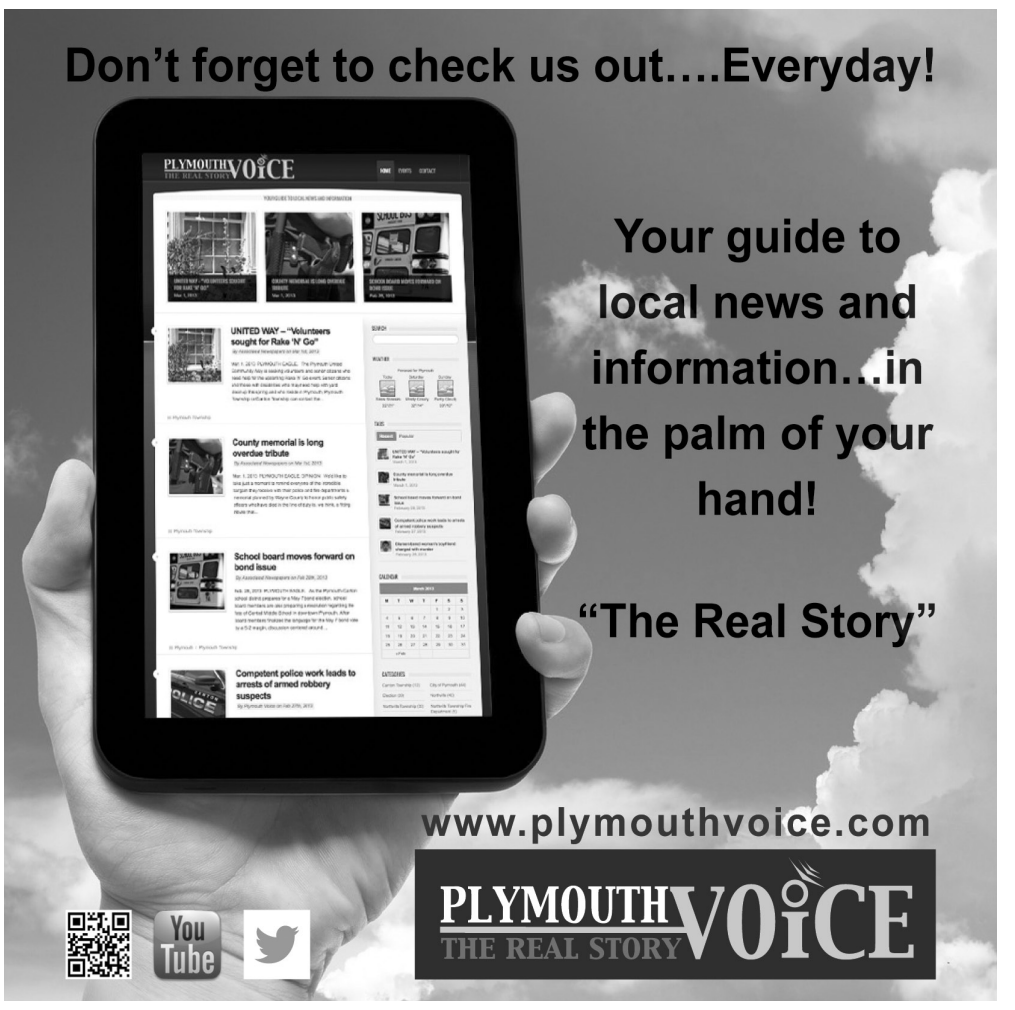
Mayor William R. Wild and his Westland Wild Wings are once again getting ready to lace up their skates to challenge Darren McCarty and the Detroit Red Wing Alumni in the 7th Annual Hockey Night in Westland charity event.

The game will begin at 7 p.m. March 18 at the Mike Modano Ice Arena located at 6210 N. Wildwood in Westland. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets for the game are priced at $10 for adults and $5 for children. Those younger than 3 will be admitted at no cost.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at Wild's office in city hall, the Mike Modano Ice arena and North Brothers Ford. Tickets are available online at http://westland.ticketleap.com/hockeynight/. Seating is limited.

To subscribe to The Eagle call 734-467-1900.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6. Legal Notices

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport
Runway 4L/22R and Associated Taxiway Reconstruction
Romulus, Michigan

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Great Lakes Region Detroit Airports District Office, after careful and thorough consideration of all facts and after coordination with appropriate local, state, and Federal agencies, approved on July 29, 2015, an environmental Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the reconstruction of Runway 4L/22R and its associated taxiways at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport in Romulus, Michigan. The FONSI is available at the FAA Detroit Airports District Office, 11677 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan. Copies of the FONSI/ROD are also available at:

• Wayne County Airport Authority, L.C. Smith Building, Mezzanine, Detroit, Michigan
• Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport website, www.wcaa.us/About/PublicNotices.aspx

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF DICKEY, IN DISTRICT COURT

Ashley Fountain, Plaintiff,
vs. Joseph Fountain, Defendant.

Civil No.
37-2016-DM-00005

SUMMONS

1. THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:
2. You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the complaint in this action, which is herewith served upon you, by serving upon the undersigned, an Answer, or other proper response, within twenty-one (21) days after the service of the Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

3. Upon Rule 8.4 of the North Dakota Rules of Court, upon service of this summons, you, and your spouse, are bound by the restraints following:
(1) Neither spouse shall dispose of, sell, encumber, or otherwise dissipate any of the parties' assets, except:
a. For necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of assets, or
b. For retaining counsel to carry on or to contest the proceeding;
(2) Neither spouse shall harass the other spouse.
(3) All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation.
(4) Neither spouse shall remove any of their minor children from North Dakota without the written consent of the other spouse or order of the court except for temporary periods.
4. IF EITHER SPOUSE VIOLATES ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, THAT SPOUSE MAY BIN IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2016.

JONES and KELLY,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW, P.C.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

30. Help Wanted

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Wayne class reunion planned

Wayne Memorial High School all class reunion is being planned for 5-10 p.m. May 13. Information and registration forms are available at www.waynehighalumni.com regarding the dinner at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born Road in Wayne.

This year, the class of 1966 will be honored along with all those who attended Wayne High School or Wayne Memorial High School. Dress is informal.

Tickets are $30 per person until May 1 and $40 if purchased after that date.

Information and registration forms available at www.waynehighalumni.com. There will be two forms, one for the all-class reunion May 13 and one for the 1966 50th class reunion May 14. Forms available under additional reunion heading.

Those attending both events need to submit both forms.

Northville

Maybury Farm Maple Sugar Tours begin this weekend

Ever wonder how maple syrup gets made?

The answer can be found at Maybury Farm beginning this weekend during the annual Maple Syrup Tours.

"These tours are great because they are educational and enjoyed by people of any age," said Jessica Striegle, executive director of the Northville Community Foundation, which operates Maybury Farm. "We've had kids as young as pre-kindergarden enjoy the tour and have just as much fun watching and learning as their parents and grandparents."

The tours begin with a wagon ride to the Sugar Bush where visitors will head into the woods to the nearby maple trees. Guests will learn how to tap the trees and collect the sap which is taken back to the Sugar Shack to be turned into maple syrup in front of their eyes.

When the tour is finished, guests are invite to warm up in the Maybury Farm Welcome Center where hot drinks and snacks are available to enjoy next to the toasty wood stove.

Making Maple Syrup Tours take place promptly at 1, 2, and 3 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through March 26. This event is huge hit each year and hundreds of families participate, Striegle said.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. The cost for the Making Maple Syrup Tour is $6 per person and children 2 and younger are admitted at no cost. Parking is free at Maybury Farm.

For more information visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org or www.facebook.com/mayburyfarm.

Peace prize

Local student wins Lions Club Peace Poster Contest

Hamin Park, a 12-year-old student at Meads Mill Middle School in Northville, has been named a merit award winner in the 28th annual Lions Club National Peace Poster Contest.

"I am hoping to send a message to those who look at my peace poster that all of us are alike. We are all the same people living on the same earth," said Park.

Park's winning poster was chosen for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of this year's theme "Share Peace." She is one of 23 merit award winners chosen from approximately 400,000 entries drawn by children ages 11 to 13 from 65 countries.

As a merit award winner, Park will be presented with a cash award of $500 and a certificate of achievement by the Northville Lions Club, local sponsor of the contest, as part of International Night activities at the school April 18.

"Hamin did a great job on her poster. We knew her work was special when we first saw it and were very impressed that she had the insight to investigate past international winners as part of her creative process. Our club is very proud to have sponsored this merit award winner," said Barbara Morgan, president of the Northville Lions Club.

"Lions around the world are working to bring dignity, harmony and humanity through service and international cooperation. This contest, sponsored by our clubs, provides an opportunity for children to creatively share their views on peace," said Lions Club International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada.

The 23 merit award winners are from China, Colombia, Cyprus, England, India, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Multiple District 300 Taiwan, Romania, Spain and the United States (California, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey and Virginia). The grand prize winner will be announced at Lions Day with the United Nations in New York this Saturday.

Park said she enjoys using her hands and her imagination to create drawings, paintings and sculptures. She is fluent in three languages and enjoys playing piano, basketball, volleyball, golf, and snowboarding.

The 24 finalists' Peace Posters will be featured prominently at the 99th annual Lions Clubs International Convention this upcoming summer in Fukuoka, Japan. The Northville Lions Club is a service organization serving the needs of the blind and hearing impaired in the Northville community. For information about the club, email NorthvilleLions@gmail.com.

Hamin Park

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Calendar of events

Museum celebrates benefactor

The annual Plymouth Historical Museum event, "A Night FOR the Museum," is planned for Saturday, March 12, at the Fox Hills Golden Fox.

The event this year will celebrate Margaret Dunning, the major benefactor of the museum, who died last year at the age of 104.

Community businesses have donated a number of items for the raffle and live auction that will take place at the gala. Some of the most unique and exciting live auction items include a personal visit from Santa Claus, a princess party, Carrie Underwood tickets, "really good" Detroit Tigers tickets, a ride on a fire truck in the Plymouth 4th of July Parade, and a private tea at the Markham/Wilcox House.

Tickets to "A Night FOR the Museum" are still available by calling (734) 455-8940 or online at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/A-Night-FOR-the Museum_ET118.html?SortBox=201603

The evening will also include raffles, a spirited live auction, socializing, hors d'oeuvres, libations, music and dancing.

Cruise is raffle prize

The Michigan Philharmonic will raffle off a cruise through the Baltic Sea, Scandinavia and Russia for two.

The 11-night trip includes air fare and will take place aboard the Regal Princess of Princess Cruise Lines Aug. 4-19.

Tickets for the raffle are priced at $50 and only 400 will be sold.

The cruise will depart from Copenhagen visiting the ports of Oslo, Norway; Berlin, Germany; Tallinn, Estonia and spend two days in St. Petersburg, Russia, Helsinki, Finland and Stockholm, Sweden.

The drawing of the winning ticket will take place May 21 at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

The winner need not be present and will be notified May 21.

For more information contact Kate Rosevear at (734) 455-5810.

Summer Camp registration opens

Maybury Farm will offer Day Camp for Kids again this summer. Maybury Farm Day Camp is a total hands-on experience that offers a wide variety of activities that are both educational and fun-filled, according to Northville Community Foundation President Jessica Striegle. Campers will enjoy learning about farm animals including grooming, feeding and walking. Campers will take nature hikes, do crafts, play games and learn team building skills as they get to know all about farm life and the importance of farm animals in our everyday lives.

Maybury Farm Summer Day Camp is open to boys and girls ages 5-12 years old. Camp hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from June 21 until Aug. 18. There will be no camp the week of July 4. The cost is $60 per camper per day or $150 per week, Tuesday through Thursday. Campers can sign up for one day or join for a whole week.

To register for Day Camp, call (248)374-0200 or visit www..org. Space is limited.

Quilt show continues

The 20th Annual Quilt Exhibit will take place at the Belleville Area Museum during the month of March.

The show this year is sponsored by the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild and Threads 'n' Treasurers of Belleville. Bed turnings are planned every Friday and Saturday. There will be a free memory quilt presentation at the museum on Friday, March 18.

The museum is located at 405 Main St. in downtown Belleville. Admission is $2.

Hours are noon until 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 3-7 p.m. Tuesdays.

For more information, call (734) 697-1944

Belly dancing classes begin

Introduction to Belly Dance classes will take place from 6:15-7:15 p.m. Thursdays beginning tonight, March 10.

The dance combines light cardio with core strength and flexibility and will include lessons in hip accents, undulations and belly rolls, shimmies, and arm movements. Light choreography is involved and students will leave class having learned a dance. No previous dance experience is required.

Recommended attire includes yoga/sweatpants or shorts and fitted top. This dance is traditionally performed barefoot but students may prefer no-slip socks/slippers or jazz shoes on the wood floor.

The classes are restricted to those 15 or older and the fee for the classes is $75 or $60 for city residents.

Registration is available at the City of Plymouth - Recreation Department,525 Farmer in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734)455-6620 or access http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/recreation [http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/index.aspx?NID=21]

Chamber hosts Comedy/Auction Night

A Comedy/Auction Night dinner is being planned by the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce for 6-10 p.m. Friday, March 11 at the Marriott Hotel at Detroit Metro Airport, 30559 Flynn Dr. in Romulus.

Sponsorships for the event and donations of auction items are being sought. Items such as gift baskets, artwork, sporting event tickets, concert tickets, electronic equipment and gift certificates have sold well at previous event. Cash donations are also being accepted.

For more information, or tickets, priced at $45 per person, contact Betsey J. Krampitz at (734) 893-0694.

A Night For Northville set

A benefit for the Northville Educational Foundation, A Night For Northville is planned from 7-11 p.m. March 12 at the VisTa Tech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia.

Tickets for the event are priced at $50 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, video horst racing, a $1,000 prize raffle, a silent auction and a cash bar.Auction items this year include a limited-edition Super Bowl 50 MVP Autographed Helmet with signatures from 25 of the Super Bowl MVPs including Brett Star, Joe Namath, Franco Harris, Terry Bradshaw, Joe Montana and Tom Brady; Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens Autographed Movie Poster with 14 signatures of all the main stars and JJ Abrams and George Lucas; The Eagles "Hotel California" autographed sheet music with signatures of band members including the late Glenn Frey;One Direction signed photo by all original band members; a Taylor Swift signed photo and winery and vodka distillery tours.

Guests must be 21 and older and $15 of each ticket price is tax deductible.

For more information and ticket sales, visit NightForNorthville.com or call (248) 344-8458..

Easter activities set

Canton Township will host the annual Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast and the Easter Eggstravaganza beginning at 9 a.m. March 19.

The breakfast will be served from 9-10 a.m. at the Summit on the Park and feature favorite breakfast items.

Pre-registration is required and will end March 12. Tickets must be purchased at the Summit on the Park front desk. The $15.25 fee for residents will not be sold at the door and will include admission to the Easter Eggstravaganza.

The Easter Eggstravaganza will include a variety of Easter and spring-themed activities.

No pre-registration is required for the Eggstravanganza but there is a $3 admittance fee per child which can be paid at the event information booth.

There will be continuous egg hunts between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in two age categories to help keep the "hunting" fair for even the youngest participants. Please allow some extra time for parking, as historically this is a well-attended event. The grounds tend to be very wet in early spring so please dress accordingly.

The breakfast will take place in the Summit Grand Ballroom while the Eggstravaganza will take place at the east end of the building.

The Summit is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For more information, call (734) 394-5376.

Scottish research, Erie Canal to be discussion topics

Expert Linda Last will discuss researching Scottish background beginning at 1:15 p.m. March 13 during the meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society.

Following her talk, and a short business meeting and refreshments, Al Smitley will talk about the Erie Canal, The Ditch That Built Michigan, at 3 p.m. He will also entertain with his banjo and songs related to the canal.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, free of charge.

The meeting will take place at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady, in Northville.

Individual help on genealogy is offered in the Local History Room at the Northville District Library from 1-3 p.m. Mondays and also by appointment. For more information contact Grace Wilfong at (248) 349-9079 or visit www.rootsweb.com/~mings.

Senator serves coffee

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) is inviting members of the community to join him at an upcoming coffee hour to discuss state and local issues of concern. Hopgood represents the 6th Senate District, which includes the Wayne County communities of Belleville, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township and Westland. The coffee hour will provide an opportunity for citizens to meet Hopgood and share their thoughts about current events in Lansing and the local community.

The March Coffee Hour will take place at 9 a.m. March 14 at Mr. Mike's, 6047 North Wayne Road in Westland.

Badge

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moved.

"I always carried it," Spisak said. "Always in my front pocket. I have no idea how or exactly when it was lost."

LeBlanc made Spisak's family members promise to buy a badge-case to protect the shield from now on, rather than the worn leather backer Spisak had been using.

LeBlanc also noted that Spisak's tenure with the city coincides with the 50th anniversary of Westland which will be celebrated this year.

"You know," Spisak said, "I have worked for every single mayor the city has ever had. Some liked me, some didn't."

Spisak said he hoped to be able to call the collector in California to see how he came to have the badge but more importantly, he wanted to thank LeBlanc, whom he has known for more than 25 years, for retrieving it and returning it to him.

"This is a big deal," he said. "This is a really big deal. I gotta thank you for finding it. This is pretty awesome," he said.

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